

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 21, 2005, has been received and carefully noted. The amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 11-21, 23-30, 35-36, 43-44 and 51-52 have been amended. Applicant submits that the amendments made herein are fully supported in the specification and the drawings as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-54 are pending in the present application and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Allowed Claims and Allowable Subject Matter

As a preliminary matter, Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-22, 31-34, 37-42, 45-50, 53 and 54 of the present application.

Claims 23-30 Rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 23-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 23-30 have been amended to recite patentable statutory subject matter, and therefore claims 23-30 are in compliance with US patent practice. Accordingly, claims 23-30 are allowable.

Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 35, 36, 43, 44, 51 and 52 Rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph

Claims 35, 36, 43, 44, 51 and 52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. These claims have been amended to obviate the rejection, and therefore are allowable.

Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

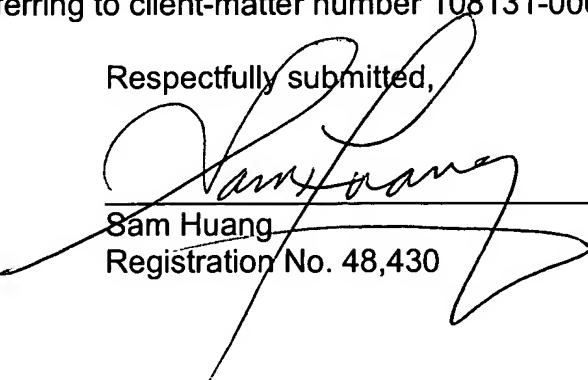
Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that each of claims 23-30, 35-36, 43-44 and 51-52 is in compliance with US patent practice and is distinguishable over prior art. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 23-30, 35-36, 43-44 and 51-52 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue along with the allowed claims.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

Any fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 108131-00004.

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